

Application Serial No. 09/765,151
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REMARKS

Claims 1-19 and 21-29 are pending. Claims 1-9, 12-19, 21-23 and 25-29 are rejected. Claims 10, 11, and 24 are objected to, but the Examiner states would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In this response, claims 10, 23, 24, and 29 are cancelled. Claims 1 and 15 are amended to include the limitations of claims 10 and 24, respectively. Thus, those claims have been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. All the remaining claims either depend from claim 1 or claim 15. Applicants therefore submit that all pending claims following this amendment are patentable and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that all claims are patentable and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due. If, however, any additional fee or surcharges are deemed due, please charge same or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney with any questions or remaining issues.

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